

Little Office of The Immaculate Conception

Matins

O good Jesus, by the love which Thou hast for Thy Mother grant, I beseech Thee, that I, too, may truly love her as Thou loves her, and desirest to see her loved.

Open Thou my mouth, O Lord, to bless thy holy name: cleanse my heart also from all

vain, perverse and distracting thoughts: enlighten my understanding, inflame my affections, that I may recite this Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary with worthy attention and devotion, and may deserve to be heard in the sight of thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, I offer these Hours to Thee, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou didst Thyself offer praises to God, while Thou wast on earth.

Hail Mary, etc., secretly.

Come, my lips, and wide proclaim
The blessed Virgin's spotless fame.

V. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.
R. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Ceaseless praise to Thee be given, O Eternal King of Heaven.

Hymn

Hail, Queen of the heavens
Hail, Mistress of earth
Hail, Virgin most pure,
Of immaculate birth

Clear Star of the Morning,
In beauty enshrined,
O Lady, make speed
To the help of mankind

Thee God in the depth
Of eternity chose;
And formed thee all fair,
As His glorious Spouse;

And called thee His Word's
Own Mother to be,
By whom He created

The earth, sky, and sea. Amen.
V. God elected her, and pre-elected her.
R. He made her to dwell in His tabernacle.
V. O Lady, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let Us Pray.

Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Mistress of the world, who forsakest no one, and despisest no one; look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins; that, as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him Whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord; Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, in perfect Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lady, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.